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NEW YEAR'S EVE A ROMAN FESTIVAL

Midway a River of Champagne—The Bottom of New York—A Long Distance Clock-Setting Device.

New York, Dec. 25.—(Special Correspondence of The Republican.)—New Year's Eve in New York will be a Roman festival such as the ancient city by the Tiber never saw in all its centuries of splendor. This year the Great City will be making preparations for a celebration that will be a wonder to itself. For two weeks every inch of the city has been reserved for the "supper" at prices ranging from \$2 to \$5 a seat, and that takes account of the many dollars that have been spent in other ways after the fashion of the feast in that city. It is estimated that 50,000 people will partake of the feast in that city. The rest of the world seems tame and uninteresting on New Year's eve. The food will be eaten or wasted. An army for a week and the champagne consumed would float a fleet. The section in which the parties will be most strenuous extends from Twenty-third street to Twenty-eighth street and reaches its apex at Longacre Square. Into which the theaters are out. Broadway, with avenue. Forty-second street. Forty-fourth street pour an army of revelers and sight-seers. Around the square are ranged the famous restaurants and hotels where the fun will be most uproarious. By virtue of its location the Hotel Astor will accommodate the largest number—between 1500 and

2000. So great has been the demand for places that the capacity of the regular dining rooms and cafes was exceeded long ago, and all sorts of makeshift preparations have been made to accommodate the overflow in hall rooms and parlors.

When the savants of a future age unearth from the debris of some gigantic cataclysm of nature what is now going on at the bottom of New York, and survey the tremendous engineering feats to which the inhabitants were driven to secure refuge from the ferocious trolley-dicty, the hippopotamus, the autohormosaurus, and other savage mechanical beasts which infested the island of Manhattan in the early part of the twentieth century, the speculations occasioned thereby will make interesting eaves-dropping for such ghosts as have found their way back to earth. An under-river passage to Brooklyn, as well as one to New Jersey, is now an accomplished fact. Under Ninth avenue there is in process of construction for the Pennsylvania tunnel, twenty-five feet beneath the curb line, a massive steel bridge designed to support not only the street above it, but the elevated railroad structure as well. While the work of building this bridge is going on, the rush of traffic at and above the surface goes on undisturbed. It has been found necessary to support the street for a distance of 400 feet between Thirty-first and Thirty-third streets, and for this purpose fifty-four enormous steel girders, each sixty-one feet long and weighing ten tons, were bought for temporary use on this part of the work. The latest remarkable scheme is a double-decked subway under Lexington avenue, the express tracks beneath and the local tracks above, where the street is too narrow to accommodate four tracks on the same level. There is a project afoot to install in this tunnel the new Belier monorail, which affords a possible speed of more than 100 miles an hour. In some places the lower tracks will be nearly 100 feet below the surface of the street. Altogether the bottom of New York is getting to be a good way from the top.

A record breaking long distance clock setting device has recently been discovered in the daily noon time blasts of a trap rock quarry on Hook mountain, some thirty miles up the Hudson river from this city. A dentist living at Darton, Connecticut, twenty-two miles from Hook mountain, will testify in a suit before the supreme court at White Plains next month that he sets his clock daily by this 12 o'clock blast at Hook mountain, the detonation being not alone audible at his house, but is plainly perceptible in the shaking of the house whenever a blast is set off. The Interstate Palisades Park commission and a number of individuals in Ossining have been trying for some time to stop the blasting at Hook mountain in order to preserve that landmark as a part of the Palisades park. A suit has been brought by property owners of Ossining to stop the blasting because the blasts shake down ceilings and cause the foundations of houses to settle.

Witnesses from practically every town of importance in Westchester county will testify that the blasts are perceptible as much as thirty miles away, and the physicians of Ossining will testify that the blasts are prejudicial to the well-being of patients in the Ossining hospital.

Frequently during the season, at either one of New York's opera houses, there may be seen behind the rail which marks the boundary line of "standing room only," particularly if the piece be his favorite "Lucia," or "Rigoletto," or even "Aida," a thickset, middle aged man of medium height, with close cropped hair and short, black mustache, who occupies in a somewhat more restricted sphere, a position as full of danger and dramatic possibility as that of Russia's celebrated chief of police. It is Detective Sergeant Petrosino, a man who has solved many a mystery as deep and thrilling as ever engaged the attention of Sherlock Holmes. Like the famous hero of Baker street, he is a fine musician and an excellent performer on the violin; but his methods contain so little of the spectacular that it has taken him twenty-five years to find him out. For thirteen years of that time, Petrosino was a humble patrolman; for the last eleven years he has been a "plain clothes" man known to the police of the entire continent for his success in tracing Italian criminals. Now he is about to become chief of the new secret service force of the police department, organized to hunt down the notorious "Black Hand" crimes perpetrated and attempted by bands of ex-convicts and outlaws from the "heel and toe" of the Italian peninsula who have sought a refuge from the police of their native country in the Italian settlements in and around New York. So secretly has the new force been organized that no one but the commission, and Petrosino will know who compose it; but Petrosino, long hated and feared as an individual by the criminal class among his countrymen, has now become a many-headed, many-eyed force against them, to be excoriated and exterminated if possible.

HAD ROMANTIC CAREER.
Vere Goldthwaite, one of the most interesting personalities of the Boston bar, has had a romantic career. He is the son of a well known Boston physician and for a number of years traveled with a wild west show. For a time he was one of the best known cowboys of Colorado. He attracted considerable attention recently by publishing a book on Ingersoll.

LONGFELLOW MEMORIAL.
The Longfellow national memorial association has been formed in Washington, with Chief Justice Fuller as its president, to promote the erection of a statue in the national capital to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. President Roosevelt has written a letter endorsing the project, and it is proposed to raise \$35,000 for the statue, of which above \$4000 is in hand.

A SUSPECTED ANNEX OF RUSSIAN CONSULATE

A Report of An Investigation By the Czar's Government of the Consular Branch at Chicago.

While the case of Nicolai de Raylan has passed into history a story of the successful masquerade of a woman as a man for a period of nearly twenty years there is an afterglow which accords to Chicago and New York papers may involve several persons high up in the Russian consular service in this country. Ever since the exposure of the system De Raylan followed in connection with the conduct of his business known as the Russian Legal Bureau events have transpired which show that the Russian government is making an investigation of the Chicago consulate. As yet there has been no official announcement of the findings of those conducting the investigation.

On Christmas day Baron Schlippenbach, the Russian consul at Chicago arrived in Washington. It was at this time stated that he had been summoned to tell Baron Rosen, the Russian ambassador, what he knew of De Raylan who had for a number of years been connected with the Chicago consulate as secretary to the consul, in the garb of a man. The Washington papers viewed the visit of Baron Schlippenbach as a voluntary one and not out of the usual. The Chicago papers which have followed the events very closely following the discovery of the sex of De Raylan here it Phoenix attach greater importance to the eastern trip of the Chicago consul.

They allege that a general investigation has been begun of the charges that graft permeates the Russian consular system in Chicago. At Baron Schlippenbach's home it was said his visit to Washington was one usually made by that official each Christmas, but investigation showed that this usual visit was made on the date of the Russian Christmas, January 8th, and not on December 25th.

Many hundreds of Russians have been found in Chicago who declare they have paid De Raylan large fees for information bearing on legal documents, passports, etc. Many of them had also placed money in his hands to be forwarded to Russia and the money did not reach its destination.

After the retirement of De Raylan they assert that the charges for information at the consulate were more reasonable. For the serious judgment of papers and documents that he expected by Baron Schlippenbach was much lower than that charged by De Raylan. De Raylan is said to have realized thousands of dollars during the revolutionary period in Russia a year ago. Because of the uncertainty of delivery the United States postal authorities refused to accept money for transmission to Russia and the "Russian legal bureau" conducted by De Raylan was appealed to. It is asserted that scores

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of Russians complained to De Raylan that their money did not reach its destination, but he explained that the delay was due to unsettled conditions there and that they should have patience.

Peter Victorovitch, a former employe of De Raylan exposed the latter's alleged graft system and has also made the statement under oath that a deplorable state of affairs has existed in the Russian consulate in Chicago for some years. It was on the strength of his statement that an investigation of the consulate was taken up in connection with that which is being made of the Russian legal bureau.

SENT A TON OF SOAP.
Princess von Buelow, wife of the German chancellor, remarked to the Kaiser recently that her mansion needed cleaning, and he asked her if he might help her. She assented. Next day she received several large crates and an autograph letter from the Kaiser, saying that he was doing his share in the cleaning by sending a ton of soap.

SOCIALISM AT WAR WITH LOVE OF HOME AND COUNTRY.

In a recent issue of a leading socialist paper the following gem of thought is to be found:

"Patriotism" is a nickname for "Prejudice."
Do you know why the socialist faults patriotism and calls it prejudice?
Think a little, and you will see. You love your country because your home is a part of it; and you love your home because it is your individual haven of refuge from the storms of life—the individual kingdom in which you are lord and master and in which you enjoy, with your wife, your children, and your friends, whatever happiness life can give.

The man never lived who would not fight for his home—however humble. The man never lived who would fight for the tenement house in which he chances to be a lodger. The home is ever sacred—the hotel never is. The reason is plain enough. The home is yours, individually; the hotel is everybody's generally. Now, the socialist strikes at individualism. He doesn't want to own your humble home by any title that gives you individual control of it. He wants everybody's home to belong to you, and your home to belong to everybody. In other words, the homes of the people are to be

owned collectively. If society sees fit to say to you "Move on," out you go. Society will substitute its title for your title, its will for your will, its control for your control. The home that socialism will permit you to use this year may be allotted to some one else another year.

Under these conditions no man would love his home any more than he would love his room in a hotel. Under these conditions, the citizen would have no greater inducement to make permanent improvements upon his home than he would have to make improvements upon the hotel.

Love of home being destroyed, love of country would also be destroyed. Patriotism, being founded upon love of home, would perish under socialism, for the simple reason that the foundations would be gone. Under socialism the most beautiful feature of civilization would disappear. Home life, as we know it, would be impossible. The song of "Home, Sweet Home," would thrill no responsive chorists in the human heart. The tender pathos of Burns' "Cotter's Saturday Night" would not be felt. Socialism would answer with a universal yes, Sir Walter Scott's ringing challenge:

"Lives there a man with soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said, 'This is my own, my native land?'"
Thos. E. Watson in Watson's Jeffersonian Magazine.

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